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Commission, Concord

Compensation for Fire-Fighting

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Dear Mr. Nelson:

As a result of the large fire bills in connection with the Mt. Shaw fire in Tuftonboro and Moultonboro, as well as the Grantham fire in the towns of Plainfield and Grantham, a question has arisen as to the method of payment.

Your opinion is invited as to whether or not forest fire fighters on these two fires fall into the category as listed under s. 2, c. 111, Laws of 1953. Specific reference in regard to this question is made to that portion of s. 2 which reads,

"the payment of salaries and expenses for officers and of persons employed in the state service on payrolls certified by the heads of the said departments, . . .".

If the fire-fighting group falls into this category, they may be paid from working capital, which will expedite considerably payment for services rendered.

Thanking you for your consideration in this matter and looking forward to a prompt reply, I am

Very truly yours,

William H. Messock, Jr.
State Forester

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